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Re CV tel, 4/5/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM re the appearance of MALCOLM X at a CORE sponsored symposium in CV, Ohio, 4/3/64.

Two copies of this LHM are enclosed for NY.

It is to be noted that "The Cleveland Plain Dealer" 4/5/64 issue, carried an article captioned "Rifle Club Forms Here to Protect Rights Protectors." The article indicated that LOUIS G. ROBINSON had publicly announced information concerning this club and indicated that ROBINSON, a City of Cleveland employee, was formerly President of the Freedom Fighters, a small local civil rights group. In a visit to "The Cleveland Plain Dealer" newsroom, ROBINSON reportedly stated that the club would be named in honor of MEDGAR EVERS and plans had been made for it to meet with Uhuru, a self-

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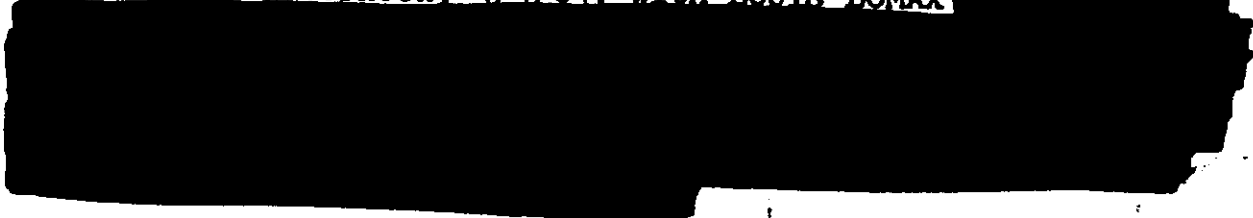
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defense group formed in Detroit. ROBINSON stated that plans to form this rifle club had been under discussion since 1961 and the article indicated that recent statements made by MALCOLM X had given this idea impetus; however, this article did not indicate that this observation came from ROBINSON.

A case file has been opened by CV captioned "MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB, CLEVELAND, OHIO, RACIAL MATTERS" and details concerning the club have been furnished to the Bureau by tel and LHM.

MALCOLM X appeared on a television program over KYW on Saturday afternoon, 4/4/64, with LOUIS LOMAX



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RE: APPEARANCE OF MALCOLM X WITH LOUIS LOMAX AT A CORE
SPONSORED MEETING ON APRIL 3, 1964, AT CLEVELAND

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not say the Negroes should go out hunting white people to shoot, although they would be within their rights, but it would be unlawful." [redacted] quoted MALCOLM X as stating "Some people say I am anti-white. I am not anti anything but anti-oppression. The Government cannot or will not protect the Negroes and their property, so the Negroes must protect themselves and this might mean investing in a rifle or a shotgun." [redacted] MALCOLM X spoke of the number of Negroes who have fought in every war that America has been in and quoted MALCOLM X as stating "They have fought and died against great odds, so why not die if need be fighting for your own rights only in this case let the dying be reciprocal. When the American so-called Negroes have gone to fight in foreign countries, the ones he is fighting ask him what he is fighting for and the Negro should hang his head in shame."

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[redacted] estimated an attendance of approximately 2,000 people and stated that there were quite a few white people in attendance and the audience greatly applauded most of what was said by the two speakers.

"The Cleveland Plain Dealer", a local daily newspaper, carried an article on page 20 of the April 4, 1964, issue under the caption "It's Ballots or Bullets Answers MALCOLM X." This article stated approximately 2,000 attended this symposium and reported that MALCOLM X had stated the Negro could find little help from the Government in getting his civil rights. He must look to himself and develop his own community to where he will not need the white man. The Negro must defend himself in areas where the Government has proved unable and unwilling to do so and this might mean investing in a rifle or a shotgun.

"The Cleveland Press", a local daily newspaper, carried an article on page 17 concerning the proposed picketing in Cleveland on April 6, 1964. The latter part of this article stated that in a debate between MALCOLM X and LOUIS LOMAX, MALCOLM X warned that this year threatened to be the most explosive in American history because "The next step in

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AT A CORE SPONSORED MEETING ON APRIL 3, 1964
AT CLEVELAND

It is noted that a leaflet was distributed throughout the Negro community in Cleveland during the week prior to the above meeting which described the function as a symposium on the Negro revolt featuring MALCOLM X, dynamic and provocative spokesman for Black Nationalism, and LOUIS LOMAX, internationally famous lecturer and writer. Leaflet indicated it was a public meeting sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of CORE.

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[REDACTED] attributed the following comments to MALCOLM X:

President JOHNSON is nothing but a southern cracker and the Negroes are foolish if they think he is going to do what is right by them. As head of the Democratic Party, the President should come out and denounce the southern filibuster as they have no intention of carrying out the proposed civil rights bill. So for 1964, I say there will be either "ballots or bullets." If the filibuster continues, there will be another march on Washington, but it will not be the same kind of march as the previous one.

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[REDACTED] MALCOLM X as stating, "It is lawful for anyone to own a rifle or a shotgun and it is everyone's right to protect themselves from anyone who stands in their way to prevent them from obtaining what is rightfully theirs. I do

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the great Negro revolt will be ballets or bullets." He stated that the younger generation was throwing Molotov cocktails in Jacksonville, and next week it will be hand grenades.

67D [REDACTED] in Cleveland advised that the local Minister had warned all members to stay away from this meeting and to have nothing to do with any individuals who attend it.

A characterization of the Nation of Islam is set forth in the Appendix.

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NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On July 10, 1963, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's Teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

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On July 10, 1963, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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